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Congressional Leaders Urged by President to Use All Possible Speed.

CONFERS WITH TRAINMEN

Hearing is Begun on Proposed Legislation with Brotherhoods Called First.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Congress put all other affairs aside today and devoted itself to enacting President Wilson's legislative program to avert the railroad strike.

But the president, overlooking no possible means to prevent the threatened public calamity, did not depend on Congress alone and continued unceasingly his efforts to get the brotherhood heads to postpone their strike order.

Just before noon the president went to the capitol and conferred with the leaders urging them on the speed necessary to get the bills through the legislative machinery of the House and Senate before Saturday night.

Then, returning to the White House, he called the four brotherhood heads before him for another appeal to delay their strike while Congress or law provides what the railroads have refused.

Meanwhile employers and men had a public hearing on the president's legislative program before the Senate interstate commerce committee. The men opposed the compulsory investigation feature and the employers opposed the eight-hour day.

BROTHERHOOD HEARD FIRST AT HEARING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Railroad officials and representatives of the trainmen's brotherhood appeared in force today at the Senate interstate commerce committee's hearing on President Wilson's legislative program to prevent the threatened railroad strike.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the managers' committee, headed the delegation of the railway officials, which included President Underwood, of the Erie; President Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio; Samuel Reed, president of the Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern; and R. S. Lovett, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific.

Representing the men were A. B. Garretson, W. G. Lee, W. S. Stone and W. S. Carter, the four brotherhood heads. Officials of the American Federation of Labor, headed by President Gompers, Assistant District Attorney General Todd and E. E. Clark, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, also were present.

At the outset of the hearing Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee, announced its purpose and said none of the proposed legislation included compulsory legislation.

"It simply provides," he said, "in case of the failure of the government to mediate and the stay of the action of all the parties to the controversy until investigation and report should be made, leaving them free thereafter to act as they might be advised."

The brotherhood representatives were heard first. At the request of Mr. Garretson it was agreed that the committee two hours in opening and an hour in closing. Between those two periods representatives of the employers and shippers have six hours. He announced that besides the heads of the four brotherhoods, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, also would speak.

Mr. Garretson then began with a general review of the circumstances which led up to the present conditions.

It was the belief of labor organization lies to an extent in its militancy," he said. "We are in a grip of a power greater than we are and it is unfortunate that this situation has arisen, but I believe if a settlement can be effected by Congress, even though we are opposed to legislative settlement, we are willing to waive the age-old tradition against it. Such a settlement in this controversy will be desirable in the circumstances."

"As an ethical proposition," he said, "there is no more reason why a man should be worked more than eight hours than there is that he should be worked twenty-four. In the application of principle a different situation arises."

"Today," he said, "thousands of men throughout this country are working from twelve to sixteen hours, of which there is no complete record."

"We believe," said Mr. Garretson.

TO RUSH MEASURE TO EARLY PASSAGE

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GLOWING REPORTS BROUGHT TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

WARNING ISSUED

By Railroad That It Will Not Be Responsible for Delay in Operation.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 31.—The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad today issued a notice to all agents, instructing them to notify intending travelers that it will not be responsible for delays in train service, which may occur after 7 a. m. Monday. It also was announced that a limited number of passenger trains will be operated on each division, details to be given out later. J. B. Yoke, general manager, said the road was one of the principal milk-carrying roads in the district and it was going to bring milk into the city, no matter what else happened.

TROOPS ARRIVE

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 31.—Company I of the Tenth Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard, was expected to arrive at Camp Stewart today from Glenn Springs in the Big Bend country, where it has been on patrol duty. Company K, of Waynesburg, is expected to follow the Greensburg company into camp in a few days.

ONE RECRUIT

Is Enlisted Here in the United States Army and Sent to Columbus Barracks.

Resulting from a visit of Captain J. E. McDonald, of Huntington, United States army recruiting officer, Wednesday to the local recruiting station in the Irwin building at the corner of West Pike and North Third streets in charge of Sergeant Alexander W. Johnson, the application of Bryan W. Gaston, of 964 West Pike street, for enlistment in the United States cavalry was accepted and he was forwarded to the barracks at Columbus, O., by Sergeant Johnson Thursday morning to be assigned to duty. Bryan is a brother of Howe R. Gaston who enlisted in the cavalry in April and they are sons of Dr. William Gaston.

Captain McDonald, in command of the Huntington district the last three years, has been ordered to report for duty with the Thirty-third Infantry now at El Paso, Tex., September 2. Captain Matthew Watson, United States army, has been detailed as recruiting officer for the United States army in command of the Huntington district.

HEALTH ORDER

FAIRMONT, August 31.—Acting on a resolution passed by the Marion County Medical Society, the board of education of this city Thursday let it be known that no child would be permitted to enter school on the opening date, September 11, without a certificate of health. This action is taken in view of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, which is prevalent throughout the country.

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SHERMAN TELLS HIM IN A SPEECH

ROBINS TO SPEAK

WASHINGTON, August 31.—Raymond Robins, of Illinois, chairman of the Bull Moose convention at Chicago last summer, and an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Hughes, is slated to deliver several speeches in West Virginia during the coming campaign in the interest of Mr. Hughes and the Republican, state and congressional ticket. No date has as yet been arranged for Mr. Robins's speeches.

CANCER

Causes Death of Mrs. Mary Rebecca Sneed, Wife of E. V. Sneed, of Grasselli.

Mrs. Rebecca Sneed, aged 46 years, wife of E. V. Sneed, of Walnut street, Grasselli, died at 9 o'clock Thursday morning following a lingering illness of cancer. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are her husband, Marion Sneed, Everet Sneed and Clarence Sneed, at home; and Seldon Sneed, who is with the federal troops at Honolulu; sons; Misses Mary and Geraldine Sneed, at home, daughters.

MUSIC PROFESSOR HERE

Prof. A. W. Martin, head of the department of music in Miami University at Oxford, O., the last two years, but formerly located here, is in the city on a brief visit, having joined his wife and children, who have been visiting here all summer. Prof. Martin and family will go to Morgantown before returning to Oxford. He has just finished taking part in the instruction of a successful summer school at Miami University.

PROMINENT RESIDENT DEAD AT NORTHVIEW

Former Member of Legislature is a Victim of Diabetes at Home of Daughter.

Alchides W. Davis, aged 70 years, a well known and prominent retired farmer, died at 11:20 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. L. Queen, at Northview, following a five-weeks' illness of diabetes. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

Mr. Davis was a son of Anderson H. and Angeline Westfall Davis and was born April 25, 1845, on Kinchloe near Mineral. He lived on the old home place and followed agricultural pursuits until his wife died in 1914, when he came to this city to live with his daughter.

The deceased man was a loyal member of the Republican party and twenty years ago was elected to the state legislature from this county. He served one term. At the last session of the state legislature he was a door keeper.

Surviving relatives of the deceased are L. H. Heidreth.

PAY FINES FOR ASSAULT

June Powell and Frank Jacobs pleaded guilty Wednesday night in Magistrate R. Edward Kidd's court to a charge of assaulting and beating Harry Wagner the same evening in Glen Elk and were fined \$5 and costs each, which they paid.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses have been issued to Angelo Grantano and Maria Rachella, and Aaron Bartlett and Catherine L. Heidreth.

INSTRUCTORS TALK TEACHING METHODS

At the Annual County Institute of School Teachers Being Held Here.

The devotional exercises at the teachers' institute this morning were conducted by the Rev. C. W. Wise of the Methodist church of Stealey Heights.

Professor Jackson took up the first period of the morning talking on the subject, "How to Improve Methods of Study."

We sometimes flatter ourselves, he said, that we are thinking when in fact we are not studying at all. It is a well known fact that a great many children do not know how to study; and as long as questions given the children on examinations cover almost everything in the universe, and these questions are prepared by the supervisor, the teachers will have difficulty in teaching the children how to study. Real reflective thinking is the kind which accomplishes results worth while. School work must be begun with the child's knowledge and not with his ignorance. He pointed out the absolute necessity of a problem to be worked out by the pupils, and the problem must be covered by the child's past experience. "Our pupils do too much work just simply because they know it pleases the teacher. The problem must be clearly seen, defined and kept in mind. Material on the problem should be gathered and all such not bearing on it discarded. Many teachers fail when it comes to the very important step of organizing what they have taught."

Rural Life Discussed.

Prof. L. J. Hanifan then took up the subject: "The Rural Life Problem and the School." He showed that this problem is composed of four other problems. First the agricultural problem, then the rural school problem, the rural social problem and the good roads problem. The agricultural problem is the greatest because prosperity in a community is necessary for the working out of the other three problems. But no one of these problems can be singled out and carried very far ahead without bringing along the other three.

As a usual thing when our boards of education fail to carry out the up-to-date improvements it is because the people are not back of the boards. Something will be accomplished when the people not only get back of the boards but get after them. The people must want a thing before it will be accomplished.

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BURIAL IN HOLY CROSS

Angela Cange, two years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cange, of Marshall mines, died at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, following a few days illness of cholera infantum. Funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home and the burial was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rogers, of Cowen, are visiting in the city.